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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT COPENHAGEN PRESS CONFERENCE
Q'S AND A'S.

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN:

PRIME MINISTER: I WILL START THIS LITTLE PRESS BRIEFING
TO SAY IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE FOR US TO HAVE MR. KISSINGER
HERE IN A TOO SHORT STAY, BUT WE ARE WELL SATISFIED BECAUSE
MR. KISSINGER HAS TIME FOR IT. I THINK THE BEST WE CAN
DO IS TO GIVE THE WORD TO MR. KISSINGER AND HE CAN TELL YOU
SOMETHING (EMPHASIS) ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE DISCUSSED.
SECRETARY: MR. PRIME MINISTER AND MR. FOREIGN MINISTER.
FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND
ALSO ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE VERY WARM AND
FRIENDLY RECEPTION WE HAVE HAD HERE. I HAVE READ SOME OF
OF THE SPECULATIONS IN THE DANISH PRESS ABOUT THE REASON FOR
MY VISIT HERE AND I WISH I WERE AS COMPLICATED
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AND PROFOUND AS THE NEWSPAPERS GIVE ME CREDIT FOR. THIS

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MEETING CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED
US IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER. HE SUGGESTED THAT ON MY NEXT
VISIT THROUGH COPENHAGEN, ON THE WAY SOMEWHERE, I SHOULD SPEND
SOME TIME, COME INTO TOWN AND CONTINUE THE VERY GOOD EXCHANGE
THAT HE AND I HAD AND HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE HAD ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS VISIT. IT IS PURE COINCIDENCE THAT I AM
HERE THE DAY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING OF THE
EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES. THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER AND OUR GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD THE CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS
ON A WHOLE RANGE OF THE SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST. AND
IT IS IN THE NATURE NOW OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS THAT
THERE ARE NO LONGER PURELY BILATERAL ISSUES. THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD IS OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE FOR A COUNTRY LIKE
DENMARK. THIS IS WHY TODAYYY WE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING
ISSUES. WE DISCUSSED EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND WHAT WE
EXPECT TO ACHIEVE ON THE TRIP TO MOSCOW. WE DISCUSSED THE
SITUATION IN AFRICA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PROBLEM
OF ANGOLA. WE DISCUSSED THE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF THE EUOPEAN
COMMUNITY AND I THINK WE AGREE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE EXTREMELY GOOD AT THIS
MOMENT. CONSULATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES
ARE CLOSE. I EXPRESSED THE AMERICAN POSITION THAT WE FAVOR
EUROPEAN UNITY, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE
IT SO ULTIMATELY IT IS FOR THE EUOPEANS TO ACHIEVE. I
EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT DENMARK
HAS PLAYED BOTH IN ACHIEVING EUROPEAN UNITY AND IN ENCOURAG-
ING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.
FINALLY, AND IT IS THE LAST TOPIC AND THE ONE THAT DID NOT
TAKE MOST OF THE TIME, THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE ME AN ACCOUNT
OF THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS PARTIES, AND WE
EXCHANGED IDEAS ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT EMERGED OUT OF
THIS MEETING. AND I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IF THE MEETING
HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE, I WOULD STILL HAVE VISITED HERE AND THAT
THE SUBJECTS WE HAD TO DICSUSS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MEETINGS
OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT WITH WORLD PEACE, ATLANTIC
COOPERATION, EUROPEAN EVOLUTION AND WITH THIS PERHAPS, MR.
PRIME MINISTER, WE SHOULD ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

Q. (DANISH TELEVISION): MR. SECRETARY, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH
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THE SOCIALIST PARTIES' DECISION TO LEAVE IT TO EACH NATO
COUNTRY WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT COMMUNISTS IN THEIR GOVERN-
MENT?

SECRETARY: THE DOMESTIC EVOLUTION OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAS
TO BE FOR EACH EUROPEAN COUNTRY ITSELF TO DETERMINE. ON THE
OTHER HAND, WHEN WE ARE ASKED FOR OUR OPINION, WE GIVE OUR
VIEWS AND WE WILL NOT FALSIFY OUR VIEWS. OUR VIEW IS THAT

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THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN EUROPEAN GOVERN-
MENTS WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR NATO, WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES
FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN GENERAL. HAVING SAID THAT, I
AGREE THAT IT IS UP TO EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE FOR
ITSELF HOW TO PROCEED.

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Q. CAN YOU SEE A REASON THAT THE FIRST STEPS FOR PEACE YOU
MADE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE DAMAGED BY THE WAR NOW IN
LEBANON?

SECRETARY: THE QUESTION IS, WHETHER I BELIEVE THAT
THE STEPS TOWARDS PEACE THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE MIDDLE
EAST COULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE WAR THAT IS NOW FIGHTING,
THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON. OF COURSE, THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON
IS A TRAGEDY FOR THE COUNTRY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT LIVES
IN LEBANON. SECONDLY, IT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF DRAWING IN
OUTSIDE POWERS AND THEREFORE IT COULD JEOPARDIZE ALL THAT
HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS. THE UNITED STATES HAS
WARNED ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES, AND I WANT TO REPEAT
IT HERE, AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL ACT THAT COULD LEAD TO AN
EXPANSION OF THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON TO WIDER AREAS, AND
THE UNITED STATES WILL OPPOSE ANY UNILATERAL ACT
BY ANY COUNTRY THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN EXPANSION OF HOSTILI-
TIES. FURTHER THAN THIS, WE BELIEVE, THAT THE INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNITY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO END THE KILLING THAT IS
GOING ON IN LEBANON AND TO USE ITS MEDIATING EFFORTS TO
PERMIT BOTH COMMUNITIES TO COEXIST IN PEACE AS THEY HAVE
FOR SO MANY DECADES AND TO PUT AN END TO THE CIVIL STRIFE
THAT NOW GOES ON.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, THERE ARE RUMORS THAT YOU ARE CONTEMPLAT-
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ING TAKING UP THE STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMCAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AGAIN.
SECRETARY: WELL, NOT BEFORE I HAVE RESTORED MY SANITY FROM
THE LAST (LAUGHTER....)
Q. ARE YOU GOING TO DISCUSS THE MIDEAST SITUATION WITH
THE RUSSIAN...WITH THE SOVIET LEADERS AS FOR THE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING IN THOSE DAYS?
SECRETARY: WE WILL...NO DOUBT THE QUESTION OF THE MIDDLE
EAST WILL COME UP, BUT EHE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN
POLITICAL FIELDS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET
UNION IS COMPPLICATED BY THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.
Q. DR. KISSINGER, DO YOU HAVE.....
PRIME MINISTER: JUST A MOMENT, JUST A MOMENT.
Q. IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY, MR.
PAUL NITZE IS WRITING THE UNITED STATES IS MOVING TOWARDS
THE POSTURE OF THE MINIMUM DETERRENT IN WHICH WE, THAT IS,
THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE CONCEDING TO THE SOVIET UNION
THE POTENTIAL FOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL VICTORY IF DETERRANCE
FAILS. HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS ON THAT STEMENT?
SECRETARY: I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS. THE UNITED STATES
HAS MAINTAINED VERY LARGE STRATEGIC FORCES AND WILL NEVER
CONCEDE TO THE SOVIET UNION THE POSSIBILITIES OF MILITARY
VICTORY. BUT, WHAT HAS TO BE ACCEPTED IS THE FACT THAT WITH
THE MULTIPLICATION OF STRATEGIC FORCES ON BOTH SIDES, THE
LIMIT OF WHAT CAN BE STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT IS THAT IT
WILL INEVITABLY BE REACHED. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU
CANNOT DO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE, BUT IT MEANS THAT AT A CERTAIN
LEVEL OF CASUALTIES THAT YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. ADDITIONAL INCREMENTS WILL NOT
MAKE A SIGNIFICAL POLITICIAL DIFFERENCE AND THEREFORE IT IS
OUR BELIEF THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE.
WE WILL NEVER CONCEDE STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY TO THE SOVIET
UNION, BUT WE MUST ALSO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THE ARMS RACE IN
STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THIS IS NECESSITY NOT ONLY
FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT FOR THE
WORLD AT LARGE. THIS IS THE REASON I AM GOING TO MOSCOW.
IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO STRENGTHEN
OTHER FORCES WITHIN THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR (INAUDIBLE)
Q. (INAUDIBLE, ON TRADE LIBERLIZATION POLICIES AND PROTEC-
TIONIST MEASURES OR PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES.).
SECRETARY: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALWAYS

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UNANIMOUS BEOFRE IT TAKES DECISIONS, BUT THE POLICIES THAT I HAE OUTLINED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN SEPTEMBER (INAUDIBLE). SECONDLY, IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL DO WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE CONSIDERED LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE POLITIES BASED ON OUR CONVICTIONS THAT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY HAS BECOME INTERDEPENDENT; THAT NO NATION CAN SURVIVE BY PURSUING ITS OWN NARROW NATIONAL INTERESTS.
Q. (VALERIANI-NBC) MR. SECRETARY, WHEN YOU SAID THAT SINCE YOUR VISIT TO MOSCOW WILL BE COMPLICATED BY THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA, WHAT CARDS DO YOU HVE TO PLAY?
SECRETARY: I POINTED OUT BEFORE I LEFT THAT BOTH SUPER POWERS HAVE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH RESTRAINT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE GAINS THEY CAN MAKE IN ONE PLACE WILL SURELY BE OFFSET BY GAINS THE OTHER COUNTRY MAKES SOME OTHER PLACE, BUT THAT A POLICY OF OFFSETTING GAINS WILL LEAD TO THE TRAIDITIONAL CONFLICTS THAT HAVE ALWAYS LED TO THE RISK OF WARS AND THIS IS WHAT ALL FAR-SIGHTED STATESMEN NOW HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO AVOID. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW.

PRIME MINISTER: AND NOW THE LAST QUESTION.

Q. MR SECRETARY, WITH ANGOLA AND WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONTINUOUS SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP, WHICH OPTIMISTIC SIGNS BRING YOU TO MOSCOW NOW.?

SECRETARY: I AM GOING TO MOSCOW BECAUSE THE NECESSITIES OF WORLD PEACE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS OR BY THE DAY TO DAY CHANGES IN POLITICS. THE SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP IS PARTLY A RESULT OF THE GROWTH OF SOVIET INDUSTRY AND THE GROWITH OF SOVIET TECHNOLOGY AND IT IS WELL WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES TO MATCH IT AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT GAIN A MILITARY ADVANTAGE AND WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO PREVENT IT. I AM GOING TO MOSCOW IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP OPEN THE OPTIONS FOR MORE PEACEFUL FUTURE AND THAT IS AN OBLIGATION ANY NATIONAL LEADER HAS AT THIS MOMENT.
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